

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**  
**BUREAU OF HUMAN SERVICES LICENSING**  
**Family Living Homes**  
(55 Pa.Code Chapter 6500)

**Q/A - Regulatory Clarifications – December 2014**

*The clarifications and interpretations below will remain on the Department's web site until the information is included in the next updated Regulatory Compliance Guide (RCG).*

**Regulation: § 6500.131(a) – Storage of Medications, § 6500.132(a) - Labeling of Medications, § 6500.137(a) -**

**Administration of Prescription Medications and Insulin Injections**

*§ 6500.131(a) - Prescription and nonprescription medications of individuals shall be kept in their original containers, except for medications of individuals who self-administer medications and keep their medications in personal daily or weekly dispensing containers.*

*§ 6500.132(a) - The original container for prescription medications of individuals shall be labeled with a pharmaceutical label that includes the individual's name, the name of the medication, the date the prescription was issued, the prescribed dose and the name of the prescribing physician.*

*§ 6500.137(a) - Prescription medications and insulin injections shall be administered according to the directions specified by a licensed physician, certified nurse practitioner or licensed physician's assistant.*

**Question:** How should a home process a new order for a medication that has already been prescribed (such as a change in dosage or frequency)?

**ANSWER:** The prescriber faxes the new order over to the home, the home then updates the Medication Administration Record (MAR) and places a sticker on the medication container reading "New Orders – See MAR", leaving the original label still visible.